

## THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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Honorable Edward P. Boland Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in support of the legislative amendment concerning Intelligence Community staffing which was proposed by the Director of Central Intelligence and forwarded to you by his cover letter of September 8, 1982. In the proposed draft Director Casey is seeking to amend the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act to authorize an additional flag or general officer billet during the period in which a senior military officer serves as Director or Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff.

The Department of Defense is in full agreement that the rank or grade of the military officer serving as Director or Deputy to the Intelligence Community Staff should not be counted against the allotted number of flag or general officers otherwise authorized for that respective Service. The incumbent of that position clearly serves the Director of Central Intelligence and does not function in direct operational support of a particular military branch.

This Department has recently nominated Rear Admiral Edward A. Burkhalter, Jr., to serve as Director of the Intelligence Community Staff. It is, therefore, urged that you give prompt consideration to the proposed statutory amendment.

Sincerely,

Letters were also sent

to Senators Tower and

Goldwater and to

Representative Price.

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